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The Palace, Bangalore,

17th August 1920.

Dear Mr. Chakravarti,

It was a great pleasure to hear from you - after, I can say without exaggeration, ages ! I have of course, read out your letter to His Highness, as desired by you, and have been asked to tell you how pleased he was to have news of you and to know that a Doctorate had been conferred on you by your alma mater. Hearty congratulations and ardent good wishes for still further honours - both academic and otherwise. Your book on "Agricultural Insurance" has not come yet. It will be submitted to His Highness as soon as it arrives and I shall write to you about it when it does.

You say that you had occasion to see both the Comptroller-General and the Finance Member when theyvisited Calcutta lately and discuss various matters with Mem. I wonder if you had occasion to speak to them about Mysore matters too, and if so, could you - without, of course, any breach of confidence - tell me what they said ?

You will be sorry, though not perhaps surprised, to hear that the Government of India with the approval of the

Secretary of State, they say, have declined to give us the C & M. Station surplus for three years. That is only the proverbial thin end of the edge, for it is hardly likely that they will fail to find some other equally good or bad excuse for the same sort of behaviour three years hence. I enclose a copy of the Residency conveying the Government of India's decision for ~~your perusal~~.

No news about the Subsidy yet. ~~It~~ is still, we hear, pending with the Government of India ! Has not yet gone up to the Secretary of State. Very annoying, is it not ? Meantime, we are in an awful fix ! The loan is not likely to fetch more than 50 or at the outside 60 lakhs, and expenditure shows no tendency to decline. I shall not enter into further details on this letter. If I found sufficient leisure, I shall probably write to you more on this subject.

I hope, Mr. Chakravarti, that Mysore has not seen the last of you, and that you may be able to serve her again some day.

Do keep writing to me whenever you have the inclination or the leisure for it, and I promise on my part, to be a good correspondent. I was very sorry to hear that you were not looking so well and fresh as you did here, but I hope you are all right again now.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/ Mirza M. Ismail